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OPPOSE TREATY EXTENSION.**Eastport Fishermen Satisfied With Present Border Fishery Laws.**

According to C. B. Stickney at Eastport, Me., a wholesale dealer in lobsters and fish, Washington county people are strongly opposed to the movement to extend the treaty regulations relating to fishing, which at present apply to the territorial waters of Passamaquoddy bay, so that they will cover the tide waters along the coasts of Washington county in Maine and Charlotte county in New Brunswick.

Under the present law which affects Passamaquoddy bay, it is unlawful to take lobsters from May 6 to December 6 in each year. The proposed scheme to which the "down east" fishermen are so opposed, also recommends that any violation of the treaty regulations governing fishing in treaty waters on the part of a citizen of the United States or a person resident in the United States or under the jurisdiction of its courts, shall constitute an offence punishable by fine or imprisonment for a period greater than one year.

"We claim that Maine has the best lobster law of any state in the Union," said Mr. Stickney, "and regard the proposed extension of the treaty waters as a most unjust proposition."

"In regard to the seining of sardines, if it were not for the seining, there would be practically no work for the employees of the canning factories many times during the season."

MOTOR BOAT DAMAGED.**Two Portsmouth, N. H., Lobstermen Badly Burned by Gasoline.**

Capt. Charles Cross and Benjamin F. Gross, two lobster fishermen, had quite a thrilling experience yesterday morning in their motor boat, which caught fire. The men left shortly after 4 o'clock and one was engaged in filling an oil cup when some gasoline that had leaked from the tank during the night ignited, and the boat was instantly ablaze.

The boat was well inshore at the time, and Capt. Cross pluckily stuck to his craft and succeeded in beaching her on Four Tree Island, but in so doing he and his companion were quite badly burned. The motor boat was damaged to the extent of \$200.

Vessels in Excellent Shape.

Schs. Alice and Joseph Russ, the two big ships of the Robinson codfish fleet of Anacortes, Washington, now or King & Wing's ways at Seattle being painted and generally overhauled are expected to arrive at Anacortes Saturday or Sunday. The two schooners will immediately be outfitted and crews signed and will probably depart for Bering Sea not later than April 1.

Soon after their return from the north last fall the schooners were taken and anchored in the Duwamish river to give the barnacles a chance to fall off. The crafts have been in the river all winter.

"Both boats are painted," said W. F. Robinson. "Beyond that, with the exception of some minor repairs, neither schooner required much of any overhauling, as they returned from the cruise in excellent shape. I expect that they will leave for Bering Sea about April 1."

Lunenburg, N. S., Fish News.

Schs. Warren G. Winters, Defender, Acadia and Alexandria sailed for the banks on Monday.

The new fishing sch. Assurance, Knock, from La Have, arrived Thursday evening at Smith's wharf, where she is fitting for the banks.

Eight schooners baited Thursday night for the banks.

Schs. Mattawa and Earl Grey are at the wharf of Kwicker & Co., Limited, fitting for the banks.

Schs. Vivian B. Walters and Uranus are preparing for the banks.

Sloop Mary E. Stone in Decay.

The sloop Mary E. Stone, formerly of this port, is in the dock at Colman's wharf, Newburyport, with the water rising and falling in her. Boys have cut the shrouds on the water side and employ them as swings, on which they go sailing through space far out over the water and back again, to their great enjoyment. The old sloop is apparently fast being reduced to a state of oblivion.

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**SCH. B. A. SMITH
MADE SHORT TRIP****Brings Largest Haddock Fishery Trip of the Season.**

Quite a lot of fresh fish came into this port yesterday afternoon. From Brown's bank sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. James D. Goodwin, brought 120,000 pounds of fresh cod and haddock, the largest fare of the season in the haddock fishery. The vessel only left here March 15 and had to leave big fishing to come home and land her cook who was suffering severely from a rheumatic attack.

With another day on the fish, Capt. Goodwin would have been good for a fare approaching the 200,000 pound mark. Yesterday just after he arrived, he told a Times representative, "I have been shipmates with some pretty big trips since I started in and seen what I called big fishing but never, in all my experience have I seen fish as plentiful as we found them this trip, to the westward of the shoal water on Brown's bank. Why one of our dories lightened three times on six lines of trawl and in one set, in the morning, we got over 40,000 pounds of fish. It blowed in the afternoon and but for that I feel sure our day's work would have amounted to 70,000 pounds or better. You cannot imagine how solid the fish were. It seemed as though there would be one on every hook."

"The two hookers Grayling and Harvard came down along our way and were going right by, but I signalled them and held up some of the fish and they tumbled all right and anchored. The Grayling got 18 tubs in the first four hours of fishing, which is going some. I told the skipper of the Harvard to anchor right down among our dories and that he wouldn't be hurting us any. I don't know how he did but he must have got fish all right."

The fare of the Smith comprises 90,000 pounds of cod, 75,000 pounds of which are of the largest size, and 30,000 pounds of haddock. Such a large catch of cod is very unusual for Brown's bank at this season of the year, a catch of 50,000 pounds there four years ago at this time being still talked about and well remembered by the skippers of the haddock fleet.

Capt. Goodwin has had a big season in sch. Benjamin A. Smith and will now relinquish command of her to fit his own craft, sch. Ella M. Goodwin, for dory handlining.

Capt. William J. Corkum will fit the Smith for south mackerel seining.

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**FIRST SEINER
WILL SAIL TODAY.****Sch. Monarch Will Be Leader of the Fleet.**

The gasoline auxiliary sch. Monarch, Capt. John Matheson, is all ready for her southern mackerel seining cruise and will sail today, being the first of the fleet to get away.

Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Webber, is also all ready and will sail Friday.

Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis, will get away Saturday.

Sch. Oriole, Capt. Charles Maguire, is also slated to go before the end of the week.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall, will go early next week as will several others.

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Change of Vessels.

Capt. John Shea of sch. Stranger has taken sch. Massasoit while his own vessel is being fitted with a powerful gasoline engine. It will take about three weeks to put the engine in, and Capt. Shea will fish in the Massasoit until then. He will take the Stranger for swordfishing early this year, and hopes to beat his record of last year, when he has power with which to compete with the other swordfishermen.

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**LOST HER TRAWL
AND OTTER BOARD****Steamer Spray Never Had Similar Accident Before.**

The steam otter trawler Spray arrived at T wharf this morning from a disastrous trip, having lost both her otter trawl and otter board, the first time such a mishap has befallen her since she started fishing several seasons ago.

There have been trips when she has torn her trawl badly or lost a big piece, but this is the first time that the whole trawl and the board with it have gone entirely.

The mishap happened on Georges, and Capt. Green does not know what the gear caught upon, but thinks it must have been a wreck. When the trawl struck it, there was a noticeable stop, and when the winch was started all that was hauled back was the trawl lines—all the rest was gone.

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Crafts in Collision.

Sch. Silver Spray, which loaded salt at this port for the eastward, while getting under way this morning in the harbor, collided with the barge West End. The schooner carried away part of her main rigging, but the damage was not so bad but what it could be fixed going along and the craft proceeded.

Early Shad.

A few shad were received from New York at Boston yesterday morning, but the price of shad is so high there that the Boston dealers will buy only what they are sure of selling, fearing a sudden drop in the price, which would leave them in a bad fix if they had much of the fish on hand.

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**LOWEST PRICES
OF THE SEASON****Offered For Fish at T Wharf This Morning.**

The bottom has dropped completely out of the fresh fish market and prices today are at the lowest ebb of the season. Off-shore haddock sold for 75 cents and off-shore cod are not wanted. Shore large cod brought only splitting price, \$2, and shore haddock brought \$2 at the opening. Hake are down to \$2 and old reliable pollock are quoted at \$1.50.

Twenty-four vessels are at T wharf today with fish fares, two from off shore and the rest shores. Schs. Muriel and Alice M. Guthrie have about 75,000 pounds each and the shore boat catches run from 1000 to 22,000, the average fares being around 6000 or 7000 pounds. Sch. Ida S. Brooks has the best catch of the market boats. The steam otter trawler Spray is in from her first trip since being fixed up. She has about 40,000 pounds of fresh fish and 14,000 pounds of sole, which latter will find a good market.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Julietta, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 1000 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1200 cod.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 35,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Steamer Spray, 38,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 14,000 soles.

Sch. Nokomis, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Muriel, 35,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 pollock.

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Sch. Arbitrator, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 400 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Edith Silveira, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Little Fanny, 3300 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Emily Sears, 5000 haddock.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 7500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 3500 haddock, 1700 cod.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 6500 haddock, 300 cod.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6500 haddock, 700 cod.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Buema, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Alice, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 500 hake.
Off shore haddock, 75c to \$1 per cwt.; off shore large cod, \$1.90; shore haddock, \$2 to \$2.25; shore large cod, \$2; shore market cod, \$1.50; hake, \$2; pollock, \$1.50.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray landed 23,000 pounds of pollock at Portland Monday and sch. Electric Flash had 5000 pounds. Sch. Albert W. Black had 14,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Portland's fishing fleet is pretty well scattered. Very few of the vessels have been in port within a week. Some of the craft out after pollock and others are selling their fish in Boston. The Mary Sinnott is one of these and she has made two trips into that port with fish.

J. H. McDonald, the Commercial street fish dealer, is putting his place of business in first class shape, both outside and in. The building has been given a coat of bright paint and is much improved in appearance. The interior of the store has also been renovated, many new fittings having been installed, and the whole place has a most prosperous appearance, the alterations being made necessary by the rapidly increasing business.

On Tuesday sch. Mary T. Fallon had 15,000 pounds of fresh fish, sch. Leo 7000 pounds and sch. Bernie and Bessie 4000 pounds.

Sch. Matiana Ready for Sea.

The fishing schooner Matiana, which went ashore at Scituate a month ago, and was got off after a channel had been dug from her out to deep water, is now ready to go into commission again. She has been on the railway in East Boston, and was thoroughly overhauled and repaired. Capt. Chetwynd, who was on her when she went ashore, and has since had the Buema, will probably take the Matiana again.

Native Alewives.

The first native alewives of the year were received at Boston yesterday morning from Falmouth. There were six barrels of the fish, which were sold for food, the price being too high for the fishermen to use them for bait. In selling the alewives the commission men made a price on each fish instead of a barrel price.

New York Fish Dealer Here.

Isaac Price, one of the best known of the Fulton Market fish buyers, is in town for a few days' stay. "Ike" knows about everybody and is being pleasantly greeted all around.

Salt Cargo Discharged.

The steamer Juno completed the discharge of her cargo of salt at this port yesterday afternoon and sailed immediately for Halifax to load lumber for England.

Sch. Corona's Stock.

Sch. Corona, Capt. Augustus Peterson, stocked \$3000 on her recent fresh halibut trip, the crew sharing \$71.83 clear.

POLLOCK SEINERS FOUND NO FISH.

Fresh Fish Netters Landed Several Fares Yesterday.

Quite a number of the pollock seining fleet are home from the eastward this morning with no fish. The morning light brought no new arrivals, but there was quite a lot of fish landed yesterday afternoon. At the Fort the little shore cod netters landed fares of about 1000 pounds each and about a dozen of them were in. The power dories also had a good day yesterday.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, the big gasoline auxiliary knockabout, commanded by Capt. James D. Goodwin, came in from Brown's bank with 120,000 pounds of fresh cod and haddock, the biggest fare of the season. Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, brought her whole trip, 90,000 pounds of fresh fish, from Boston, the T wharf dealers not making an offer yesterday morning.

Sch. Manhasset, Capt. William Harding, could not get an offer in Boston yesterday either and came to this port with her 90,000 pounds.

The steam netter Nomad brought in 5000 pounds and the Quoddy had 11,000 pounds. The netters at the Fort comprised the Wodan, Reliance, Mabelle E. Leavitt, Gracie, Gardner Heath, Little Addie, Columbia, Diana and Petrel.

The pollock seiners home are schs. Electric Flash, Eglantine, Margie Smith, Almeida and Mary E. Harty. Capt. Reuben Cameron will now fit the latter craft for south mackerel seining.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Brown's Bank, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lucania, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Manhasset, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sloop Wodan, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Reliance, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Gracie, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sloop Gardner Heath, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Addie, shore, 1,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sloop Columbia, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sloop Diana, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sloop Petrel, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Electric Flash, pollock seining.

Sch. Eglantine, pollock seining.

Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining.

Sch. Almeida, pollock seining.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, pollock seining.

Sch. Moaniam, via Boston.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 5000 fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Monarch, south mackerel seining.

Sch. Harriet (new) haddocking.

Sch. Gossip, dory handling.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Hortense, haddocking.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, haddock-ing.

Sch. Washakie, shore.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Steamer Quoddy, shore.

Steamer Nomad, shore.

Sch. Titania, Georges handling.

Sch. Moaniam, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10c per lb. for white, and 8c for gray.

Georges halibut, 10c per lb. for white and 8c for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

SCH. LILLIAN MADE QUICK RUN.

Sailed 70 Miles From Portland to North Haven in 7½ Hours.

As Capt. "Dan" Norwood is one of the best known skippers of the Down East cured fish fleet which runs regularly to this port the following item, from a Portland exchange, will be of local interest. "Capt. Dan" does not say much. A young giant in stature, the "glad to see you" grasp of his hand when he comes ashore is not soon to be forgotten. It has a really truly meaning and sometimes one finds himself counting his fingers afterward to see if they are all there. "Capt. Dan" swears by his schooner, the Lillian, and when he next reaches here, which will be shortly the crowd at the Board of Trade and offices of Fred Bradley will greet him with "Well Dan, tell us about that sailing record the Lillian just made."

The Portland exchange says:

"Capt. Eugene Davis of the J. S. Glover started it, and now the captains of other coasters coming to Portland are falling into line. Capt. Davis' rapid work in making Five islands inspired Capt. D. F. Norwood of the schooner Lillian to attempt a similar feat. Word has just been received from him that he last Saturday made the run from Portland to North Haven in seven and a half hours. The distance is 70 miles, and the time Captain Norwood did the trip in would be good for the fastest of the sailing vessels.

"In the letter received here from him he had little to say about the trip. He mentioned the time it took him to cover the distance and added that the wind blew a gale all the way. The sea was also very rough, and as the Lillian was loaded with only half a cargo she made rather heavy weather of it. Before returning to Portland Captain Norwood will call at Sedgwick and Stonington, where he will load with salt clam bait for Gloucester.

"Other captains are thinking of beating the records set by Captains Davis and Norwood, and there promises to be a merry rivalry on before summer starts. The coasting fleet coming to Portland has a number of pretty fast craft and they are all manned by able skippers, so that it would be no surprise to learn of a new record established any day."

MADE BIG MONTHS' WORK.

Cape Elizabeth Fisherman Netted \$850 from Feb. 15 to March 15.

Eight hundred and fifty dollars was the tidy sum that Edward Oleson netted for his labors from February 15 to March 15. Mr. Oleson lives at Cape Elizabeth and he is one of the many small boat fishermen around Casco bay. There is a small flotilla of Hampton and other boats equipped with motors, which make quick runs to the fishing grounds and back into Portland.

Mr. Oleson has one of the best of the boats, and in the four weeks mentioned he was netting for cod. With the assistance of only one man he landed thousands of pounds, so that the amount of money he stocked is the most taken in such a short time by any fisherman in this section for many years. Other men have made good sums, but none of them has netted an amount equal to that of Mr. Oleson.

While cod and pollock have been schooling to quite an extent of late, haddock are being looked for, and these will begin to school in a short time. When they do there will be more big hauls and it is expected that Mr. Oleson will be in the front rank of the fishermen at the end of the season just as he is now.

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Sch. Gannet Collecting Fish Eggs.

The United States fish commission steamer Gannet was up from Boothbay Wednesday in search of cod eggs, securing about 3,000,000 from the fleet on the fishing grounds off the Cape, and expected to get as many more Thursday, when she would return to the hatchery. Capt. Greenleaf reports that more business in the fish propagation line will be done this season than ever before. There has already been hatched out at the Boothbay plant 218,000,000 of flounder eggs, and 27,000,000 of cod eggs, the distribution of which will commence very soon, the dumping grounds extending from Pemaquid to Wood Island. No attempt will be made at gathering lobster eggs until about the 10th of April, that being the usual time for the commencement of operations in that line. The hatchery is now better equipped than ever for the successful prosecution of the business for which it was established, and Capt. Greenleaf is confident that the results of the coming season will be far ahead of any previous year.